

Because of the proximity of the Atlantic Ocean and the Roanoke Sound and the nature of the barrier island upon which Kill Devil Hills is located, the occurrence of a major hurricane could create a hazard zone that would encompass the entire community. Depending upon the severity and nature of the storm striking Kill Devil Hills, certain lower lying areas would be subject to flooding initially with the higher areas containing development remaining relatively safe except during the most severe of storms.

Development has been intense within the hazard zones of Kill Devil Hills although most of it has occurred in the higher, less floodprone areas of the Town. As the Town's population and reliance on tourism increases, there will be a greater demand for intensifying water oriented land uses. Kill Devil Hills is in the mainstream of intense coastal development pressures and it should be anticipated that further development in and near hazard areas will occur.

At the present time there are some mitigation policies in effect. Kill Devil Hills has a zoning ordinance, building codes, and a flood damage prevention ordinance. Other regulations include National Flood Insurance Program regulations and State and Federal emergency management regulations.

Currently, Kill Devil Hills permits development to occur in hazard areas. Similarly, it is expected that development within the hazard areas will occur in the future. If development is to occur in these areas it should be hazard-resistant. Where and what kind of development should occur in Kill Devil Hills, and how this development should be constructed so as to minimize damage in the event of a major storm are questions facing those that formulate policies and regulations in the Town.

#### POLICY

The Town supports the implementation, as necessary, of its Storm Hazard Mitigation and Post Disaster Reconstruction Plan. It also supports the continued enforcement of the Kill Devil Hills Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, the continued implementation of the area-wide street address ordinance, and the establishment of a post-disaster fund of state monies to supplement Federal disaster relief aid to be